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I am sending my observations of what I saw in Vansaint in regards to the Glider crash.

On take off the glider appeared to be out of control. The pilot could not Maintain control of the craft. It yauled from side to side until he released from The Tow Plane. He tried to make a left turn to return for a landing. I saw the Plane turn and then soon I heard trees hitting metal and then a thud sound.

After the emergency personnel left the Glider I checked the controls for my information and found that when I pushed the left rudder pedal the rudder Moved to the right. Because that looked confusing I called another pilot and Asked him to confirm what I was seeing. He said, my gosh the rudder control is Reversed. I then saw a rip in the fabric just forward of the rudder and reached In and felt that the cables crossed at that point.

